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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of May 16, 2006

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 herein.

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION **UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8**

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